REMARKS

Applicant thanks Examiner for the thorough examination of this application. Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-35, 45-50, and 73-78 without prejudice as to patentability issues raised in the Official Action in order to expedite this application. Applicant has corrected the typographical errors referenced on the drawings, and have enclosed corrected substitute formal drawings under separate over with this Amendment and Response.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments to the specifications, claims, and remarks as set forth herein, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and as such, respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued in due course.

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